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SUBJECT: OPENING OF CIAS AIR CARGO TERMINAL

1. SENIOR MINISTER OF STATE ONG TENG CHEONG OPENED THE NEW AIR CARGO TERMINAL OF CHANGI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SERVICES (CIAS) MAY 26 AT PAYA LEBAR AIRPORT. FLYING TIGER LINE WAS OBVIOUSLY ON HIS MIND, JUDGING FROM THE FOLLOWING EXCERPTS OF HIS REMARKS.

2. "WHILE SOME AIRLINES SEE MUCH VIRTUE IN BEING ABLE TO HANDLE ALL ITS OWN GROUND SERVICES, MANY MORE PREFER TO LEAVE THEM TO A COMPETENT THIRD PARTY. THE BENEFITS ARE OBVIOUS.THERE IS NO NEED TO TIE UP VAST AMOUNTS OF CAPITAL AND MANPOWER ESPECIALLY WHERE INDIVIDUAL VOLUME OF OPERATIONS IS LOW. ALSO, WITH THE BURGEONING OF AIR CARGO BUSINESS, IT IS DIFFICULT TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE WITHOUT INVESTING IN EXPANSIVE (SIC) AUTOMATED EQUIPMENT TO MOVE HEAVY LOADS QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY."

3. "FOR OUR AIRPORT AUTHORITIES AND PLANNERS, THIS (POOLING THE RESOURCES OF SEVEN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES AS PARTNERS IN CIAS) MEANS AN AIRPORT LESS CLUTTERED BY NUMEROUS SELF-OWNED GROUND HANDLING EQUIPMENT AND BUILDINGS. THE LIMITED LAND AND BUILT-UP SPACE WOULD THEREFORE BE EMPLOYED TO THEIR
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FULLEST ADVANTAGE."

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: FTL HAS NEW AMCIT REP HERE IN SINGAPORE. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF MAY 26, HE ALSO EXPRESSED SOME PUZZLEMENT OVER HIS COMPANY'S FERVOR IN SEEKING SELF-HANDLING RIGHTS. HE ALSO SAID COMPAN'S PROBLEMS IN JAPAN WERE SETTLED AND TWICE-WEEKLY FLIGHTS TO SINGAPORE WOULD BEGIN JUNE5.

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